

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1967, Section 393.07, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

**Subd. 1a. Adoption; allotments to foster parents.** *A county welfare board may make financial allotments as it deems necessary to foster parents who adopt a child under state guardianship after the legal adoption of such child notwithstanding their legal ineligibility to qualify for the various public financial assistance programs of the county welfare board. Such allotments shall be based on the needs of the child and the financial resources of the adoptive parents, and shall be subject to modification based on changes in such needs and financial resources. All actions of the board under this program shall be subject to the following criteria: (a) The child is one who for physical or other reasons is not readily adoptable, (b) The child so adopted shall have been a ward of the commissioner of public welfare, (c) The child so adopted shall have resided in the home of the foster parents for a period of at least six consecutive months prior to the legal adoption, and (d) The approval of the commissioner and his established rules and regulations governing the provisions of this subdivision. Subject to uniform regulations of the commissioner, a county making payments of the financial allotments authorized herein may receive a reimbursement not exceeding one-half the cost thereof from any funds made available to the commissioner for the care of foster children.*

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CHAPTER 245—H. F. No. 190

*An act relating to highway traffic regulations; extending the time limit on use of tires with metal studs and providing for a study; amending Minnesota Statutes 1967, Section 169.72.*

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1967, Section 169.72, is amended to read:

169.72 **Highway traffic; tires with metal studs.** Every solid rubber tire on a vehicle shall have rubber on its entire traction surface at least one inch thick above the edge of the flange of the entire periphery.

No person shall operate or move on any highway any motor ve-

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hicle, trailer, or semitrailer, having any metal tire in contact with the roadway, except in case of emergency.

Except as provided in this section no tire on a vehicle moved on a highway shall have on its periphery any block, stud, flange, cleat, or spike or any other protuberances of any material other than rubber which projects beyond the tread of the traction surface of the tire. It shall be permissible to use any of the following on highways: Farm machinery with tires having protuberances which will not injure the highway; tire chains of reasonable proportions upon any vehicle when required for safety because of snow, ice, or other conditions tending to cause a vehicle to skid; and in the years 1965 through ~~1969~~ 1971; between the dates of October 15 of one year and May 1 of the following year, pneumatic tires with metal type studs not exceeding 5/16 of an inch in diameter inclusive of the stud casing with an average protrusion beyond the tread surface of not more than 7/64 of an inch, and in which the number of studs in a tire shall not exceed two percent of the total net contact area.

The commissioner and local authorities in their respective jurisdictions may, in their discretion, issue special permits authorizing the operation upon a highway of traction engines or tractors having movable tracks with transverse corrugations upon the periphery of such movable tracks or farm tractors or other farm machinery, the operation of which upon a highway would otherwise be prohibited under this chapter.

*The commissioner of highways is directed to conduct an in-depth study of the damage, if any, caused to the public roadways of this state which results from the use of metal tire studs, salt de-icing materials, and other materials of a chemical or physical nature used upon said highways. Further, the commissioner is directed to evaluate whether or not changes in asphalts, concrete aggregates, or other highway surface materials could be made to reduce the damage, if any, caused by metal tire studs and de-icing materials. The commissioner shall evaluate the effects, if any, that discontinuing the use of studded tires will have on highway safety. The commissioner is directed to conduct the study herein prescribed and to report his findings to the 1971 session of the state legislature.*

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#### CHAPTER 246—H. F. No. 321

*An act relating to unclaimed and unredeemed animals, and the*

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